(c) Employment is the thrust area *of* the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan emphasises the need for a high
' rate of economic growth cr^nabifled with faster growth of sectors, sub-eectors, and areas which have relatively high employment potential tor enhancing the pace of employment generation. Geographically crapu.'wise diversified agricultural development, wasteland development and forestry, developaanent of rural
. nwiKfarm sector and rural urfraEtruc-tee, faster growth of small: and decentralised: manufectarfeg and, expansion of housing, are the bafcic elements of the employment-oriented growth strategy envisaged in the plan. The additional employment opportunities likely to be generated are excected to benefit the educated as welL

Mexging of ESI with provident fttnd scheme

4775. SHRI J. P. JAVALI Will the Minister Of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) -whether it is a fact that efforts have been made to abolish the so called 'Inspector Raj' to free the small industries sectors from the harassment and corruption;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) whether ESX scheme also is looked into since it is not serving the purpose for which it was meant; and

(d) whether Government would consider merging this scheme with that of Provident Fund?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MBiESTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The various labour laws provide for appointment of inspectors to ensure compliance by managements of the provisions of the respective laws. There is no proposal to do away with the inspectors.

(b) 'Does not arise.

(c) The ESI Scheme provides, for medical care in kind and papnent of cash benefits in the contingencies of sickness, maternity, disablement and death due to employment injury. The working of the ESI Seheme is generally satifactory. However spo radic complaints are recieved about inadequated /unsatistactory fmedlcal care under the ESI Scheme.

The KSl scheme is being administered by the ESI Corporation Which is a corporate body comprising repre. sentatives of meployers employees, Government and Parifehaent. The Corporation meets atleast twice in a year o ensure smooth functioning of the Scheme

The administration of medical care under ESI Scheme is the statutory responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory administration. However, it is also reviewed by a General Purposes Sub-Commit. tee of the Corporation, and by the Regional Boards and Local Committees.

(d) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Govern. ment for merger of the ESI Scheme with the EPF Sctieme.

New offices for Regional Provident Fund Commissioner

4776. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWA-MY; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is aaj plan to open new offices of Regional Provident Fund Commissioner in Delhi;

(b) what are the areas selected to open these offices;

(c) what has been the criteria for selecting these offices;

(d) whether it is a fact that EPFC's 'Office has advertised for space for
new offices;

(e) what are the details of the offers received so far from the pro. perty owners; and

(f) by when the final dedslen is likely to tog taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sjr^ However, it has been decided to open two Sub-Accounts offices under tfie Regional Provident Fund Commissioner Delhi..

(b) Trans Jamuna and Janakpuri.

(c) The number of Sub.Accounts offices to be opened and their location are determined on the basis of the needs of the subscribers.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) According to available information, 12 offers have been re-ceived from the property owners in respect of Trans-Yamuna area and 44 in respect of Janakupri area. The offers are under scrutiny an a final decjsion is likely ta be taken shortly.

Recognition of professional workers *TnAts* Uaion centre of india

4777. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR) b_e pleased to State:

(a) whether Government ara aware that a Central Trade Union styled as 'Professional Workers Trade Union Centre of India (PWTUC)' has been formed by managerial and supervi. sory employees' unions in Banking, Insurance, Fertiliser, Telecom, Engi neering and several other industries;

(b) whether any representation has been ifjade by PWTUC to Gtevemament for reoognitkm and inclusion Of the Union in Idian Labour Conference and in other Consultative Forums and

(c) }f so, what action Government have taken or purpose to take iii the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRy OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAIT SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) Only Central Trrde Union Or-ganisation* are considered for the ptsrpose of representation of vKKkers in the Indian. Labour Conference and other Consultative Forums. As the 'Professional Workers $Trad_e$ Union Centre of Itadia' has been formed by the unions of the managerial and supervisory eraioyees who are not workmenthe question of their representation, in the Indian Labour Conference and other Consultative Forums of the Ministry of Labour does Hot arise.

खान दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गए श्रमिकों के परिवारों को मुआवजा

4778. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान खान दुर्घटनाओं में कितने श्रमिक मारे गए ;

(ख) मृतकों के परिवारों को मुआवजे के रूप में कितनी धनराशि का भुगतान किया गया ; और

(ग) भविष्य में ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर):(क)से (ग) खान सुरक्षा महानिदेशालय के पास उपलब्ध अनंतिम आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 1991-92 के दौरान खान दुर्घटनाओं में 282 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई थी । मारे गए व्यक्ति के निकट संबंधी को प्रबंध द्वारा मुआवजे के भुगतान को संबंधित राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों द्वारा शासित किए जाने वाले कर्मकार प्रतिकर अधि-नियम, 1923 के अन्तर्गत विनियमित